



## DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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### **DLNR TO CLOSE ‘OPAIEKA‘A FALLS LOOKOUT, PARKING FOR RESURFACING AND STRIPING**

LIHU‘E -- The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) will close the ‘Opaieka‘a Falls lookout and parking area on Monday and Tuesday, February 1 and 2, 2010, for public safety while the parking area is resurfaced and striped.

“The ‘Opaieka‘a Falls lookout is one of the top visitor destinations in Wailua River State Park. These improvements are part of the Lingle-Aiona Administration's ongoing efforts to upgrade our state parks statewide and to ensure safety and comfort for all residents and visitors who use the parks,” said Laura H. Thielen, DLNR chairperson. “The Department's Recreational Renaissance Plan B will continue to fix up these recreational areas as we know these places are important to locals and visitors,” she said.

Appropriate signage and protective barriers will be utilized. Project contractor is Ka‘iwa Construction, Inc and the contract cost is \$311,504. Funding was provided by the Hawai‘i Tourism Authority. Completion is expected in early 2010.

“We thank park visitors for their cooperation as work progresses,” said Thielen. “This project completes the full scope of improvements we planned for this lookout,” she added.

In 2007, a new comfort station and sewer system were constructed. In July 2009 construction began on walkway, guardrail replacement, a new viewing platform and parking area improvements that will comply with accessibility requirements.

‘Opaieka‘a Falls Lookout is located in Wailua, 2.5 miles south of Kapa‘a, and 1.5 miles west from Kuhio Highway along Kuamo‘o Road (Hwy. 580).

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